

Glossary of Important Terms and Organizations

This list is incomplete and always growing, but we hope it is helpful!

ADW – common abbreviation for our neighbor Archdiocese of Washington (DC)

AOB – common abbreviation for Archdiocese of Baltimore

APYM – Association of Professional Youth Ministers (local volunteer-run organization)

BACM – Baltimore Association of Catechetical Ministers (local volunteer-run organization)

Bon Secours – retreat facility for adults in Marriottsville

Bosco Day – Annual day for ALL formation ministers

Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life – 2022 universal document outlining a vision for marriage preparation and enrichment across the lifespan

CCSB – Catholic Community of South Baltimore (whose retreat house is used for NMO)

CFLA – Catholic Family Life Association (national org for family ministry leaders)

Christus Vivit – first Apostolic Exhortation addressing young people (2019) in response to the ordinary Synod of Bishops, on young people, the faith, and vocational discernment, in 2018.

Core Mission Priorities – Six key priorities identified in *A Light Brightly Visible*: Liturgy, Welcome, Encounter, Accompaniment, Sending, Mission Support

Directory for Catechesis – 2020 universal document outlining a vision for evangelizing catechesis across the lifespan

Enkindle – Enkindle Catholic Ministries (previously Ablaze Family Ministries; facilitated our DiscipleMakers series during the initial implementation of Family Faith Formation)

FFF – Family Faith Formation

FLC – Family Life Catechesis (sometimes CFL for Catechesis for Family Life)

FOCUS – Fellowship of Catholic University Students, known for their missionary program

FOCCUS – Pre-marital assessment/tool

Four Dimensions – Identified as aspects of faith formation in the Family Faith Formation Guidance: Community Building, Prayer & Liturgy, Formal Catechesis, Meaningful Service, all centered on the Eucharist

Like Every Disciple – AOB document on LGBT Pastoral Accompaniment

Linktr.ee/OFYAM – OFYAM's central repository for key links, including:

- *social media: OFYAM's main Facebook Page, Vimeo account, dedicated Facebook Groups (one for Young Adults and one for Catechetical Leaders), and Instagram (@archbaltfam) where we "signal boost" existing young adult ministries*
- *links to important info on the AOB website, including a curated "Quick Reference Guide"*
- *information about events and ministries for leaders, for young people, and for young adults*

Listen, Teach, Send – 2024 USCCB pastoral framework for ministry with youth and young adults (builds on 1997's *Renewing the Vision* [RTV])

MYM – Marathon Youth Ministry

NCCL – National Community of Catechetical Leaders

NFCYM – National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (responsible for NCYC)

NCYC – National Catholic Youth conference

NMO – New Ministers' Orientation, pronounced "Nemo"

OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA)

ODW – Office of Divine Worship

O'Dwyer – The O'Dwyer Retreat Center, the official retreat center for the AOB

OFYYAM – Office of Family, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry

OLJP – Office of Life, Justice, and Peace

OPR – Office of Parish Renewal, aka the Emmaus Teams

Pastoral Staff Day (PSD) – Annual Archdiocesan "convocation" for parish staff teams

Premier See – indicates Baltimore's preeminence among American dioceses as the "mother" diocese of the United States

Prepare/Enrich – premarital assessment/tool & suite of resources

Region IV – The U.S. Catholic episcopal region to which the AOB belongs, including dioceses of Maryland, Delaware, W. Virginia, Washington D.C, Virginia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

RICA – Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA in Spanish – the translation and therefore the acronym has not changed in Spanish)

SEEK – Annual FOCUS conference designed for college-age young adults

Shrine of St. Anthony – Franciscan retreat facility in Ellicott City not to be confused with the St. Anthony's Shrine in Emmitsburg

Source of All Hope – Missionary program based at the Basilica and focused on ministry with those living on the street

Summit Lake – The Emmitsburg, MD-based regional Catholic Youth Summer Camp of Damascus (originated in Ohio)

The Institute – shorthand for The Institute for Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Baltimore

USCCB – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Key USCCB committees: Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life & Youth (*LMFLY*) and Committee on Evangelization & Catechesis (*including the Subcommittee on the Catechism and the Institute on the Catechism*)

VIRTUS – Child and youth protection training and screening platform/process

Witness to Love – marriage preparation mentor couple process

WOTC – Worthy of the Call (child & youth protection training for teen volunteers age 14-17)

WYD – World Youth Day

YCP – Young Catholic Professionals